

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Ukraine
Program Title:	Strengthening Citizen Participation
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	121-0213
Status:	Continuing
Planned FY 2005 Obligation:	\$10,150,000 FSA
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$3,024,000 FSA
Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:	\$11,450,000 FSA
Year of Initial Obligation:	2003
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2007

Summary: USAID's programs aim to advance the growth of democracy and good governance through focused assistance in four main areas: establishing and ensuring media freedom and freedom of information; strengthening civil society; supporting democratic political parties; and promoting and supporting free and fair elections.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2005 Program: Establish and Ensure Media Freedom and Freedom of Information (\$4,026,000 FSA). The Strengthening of Independent Media (U-Media) Program will support an improved legal and regulatory environment; facilitate legal aid for journalists; provide training of regional broadcast and print media; and support sustainability of regional media outlets. Through the Ukrainian Reform Education Program (UREP), USAID will increase citizen understanding of key reform issues through the broadcast of more than 200 TV and radio programs, the production of brochures, as well as monthly publications. Principal contractors/grantees: Internews Network, Center for Ukrainian Reform Education (CURE) (all prime).

Strengthen Civil Society (\$4,491,000 FSA, \$139,000 FSA carryover). USAID will continue to broaden and deepen its civil society development activities in areas of advocacy and legislative change, organizational strengthening, financial viability, and outreach. The Ukrainian Civic Action Network will increase the number of advocacy partner grantees to generate a critical mass, turning the third sector into a sizable, viable, integrated, and permanent part of Ukrainian society. A new tier of follow-on grants and advanced training will deepen the impact among NGOs. Outreach activities will focus on changing the way non-governmental organizations (NGOs) are perceived by the public, government and the business community. The Eurasia Foundation will provide grants to NGOs in the areas of social enterprise, corporate philanthropy, and regional independent media. Principal contractors/grantees: UCAN, Eurasia Foundation (all prime).

Support Democratic Political Parties (\$780,000 FSA). Activities will include training political parties on sound platform development and party poll watching. USAID's partners will provide technical assistance to the Committee of Voters of Ukraine (CVU) to improve its election monitoring and organizational capacity. They will also conduct a series of coalition building trainings, gathering party leaders from three different political blocks to promote cooperation across party lines. Principal contractors/grantees: International Republican Institute (IRI), National Democratic Institute (NDI) (all prime).

Promote and Support Free and Fair Elections (\$853,000 FSA, \$2,885,000 FSA carryover). Activities will include assistance to improve the legislative framework and enforcement thereof. In anticipation of the 2006 Parliamentary election, the project will work to update voter lists, enfranchising as many citizens as possible. Citizen education activities will capitalize on the benefits of transparency and civic participation elucidated by the problems associated with the run-off election. Technical assistance with the administration of local and by-elections as well as support for oversight activities on Election Day will enjoy high priority. Principal contractors/grantees: Freedom House, Development Associates Inc. (DAI) (all prime).

FY 2006 Program: Establish and Ensure Media Freedom and Freedom of Information (\$4,473,000 FSA). The U-Media program will support an improved legal and regulatory environment, facilitate legal aid for journalists, provide training of regional broadcast and print media, and support sustainability of regional media. Through the UREP program, USAID will increase citizen understanding of reform issues by funding the broadcast of more than 200 TV and radio programs and production of diverse publications. Voter education will again become a priority during the run-up to the 2006 Parliamentary election. Principal grantees: Internews Network, and CURE (all prime).

Strengthen Civil Society (\$3,600,000 FSA). USAID's work with civil society will continue to respond to the needs and initiatives of Ukrainian citizens through grants, training, and events. UCAN will work to further strengthen NGOs to achieve significant results in increasing citizen participation. The Eurasia Foundation will continue to apply an integrated approach to programming through grants, evaluations and assessments, training and consulting, publications, and high-profile events in the areas of social enterprise, regional independent media, and rural development. Principal grantees: UCAN, Eurasia Foundation (all prime).

Support Democratic Political Parties (\$2,008,000 FSA). USAID plans to continue implementation of activities to strengthen political parties and increase multiparty competition. USAID will continue providing training to political parties and civic organizations to engage in issues-oriented debates and platform-building, to increase women's political party participation and ability to run for office, and to strengthen planning and organization of parties in anticipation of the 2006 Parliamentary elections. Principal grantees: IRI, NDI (all prime).

Promote and Support Free and Fair Elections (\$1,369,000 FSA). USAID will devote significant resources to facilitating even application and consistent enforcement of the provisions of the laws governing the parliamentary elections. Partners will: provide training for election commissioners, lawyers, and judges; conduct voter education activities on civic rights; conduct voter awareness programs to enable voters to make informed choices; and carry out civic oversight programs on election day. Principal grantees: Freedom House, DAI (all prime).

Performance and Results: USAID's activities achieved the following results in 2004: 1) an increase in public awareness of reform issues among Ukrainian citizens from 46.13% in 2003 to 48.65% in 2004; 2) an increase in civil society capacity and sustainability as measured by the 2004 NGO Sustainability Index (from 3.9 to 3.8 in 2004); 3) improved coalition-building among various political factions (the formation of the Power of the People coalition; the creation of the People's President grouping of disparate non-parliamentary parties); 4) an improved electoral framework including legislation governing local, parliamentary, and presidential elections; 5) the establishment of a network of nationwide organizations and coalitions that launched a massive voter education campaign; and 6) the launching of a nationwide voter education campaign to provide citizens with balanced and accurate information through literally thousands of public service announcements.

By program completion, USAID expects that some political parties will improve their capacity to include the views and perspectives of citizens in their policy positions; public policy will receive broader public hearing; pressure to reduce corruption and improve accountability will intensify; professionalism of an independent media will be strengthened; citizens will have a better understanding of reform issues; free speech activists will grow their advocacy campaign tactics; and Ukraine will have put in place a fairer and more credible electoral system.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

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121-0213 Strengthening Citizen Participation	FSA
Through September 30, 2003	
Obligations	8,236
Expenditures	1,333
Unliquidated	6,903
Fiscal Year 2004	
Obligations	23,635
Expenditures	14,368
Through September 30, 2004	
Obligations	31,871
Expenditures	15,701
Unliquidated	16,170
Prior Year Unobligated Funds	
Obligations	3,024
Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA	
Obligations	10,150
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005	
Obligations	13,174
Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA	
Obligations	11,450
Future Obligations	0
Est. Total Cost	56,495